

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**IN RE: GENERIC
PHARMACEUTICALS PRICING
ANTITRUST LITIGATION**

**MDL No. 2724
Case No. 16-MD-02724**

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

Hon. Cynthia M. Rufe

ALL ACTIONS

**PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 117
(ALLOWING WRITTEN DISCOVERY TO PROCEED;
LIMITED STAY OF DEPOSITIONS)**

AND NOW, this 31st day of March 2020, upon consideration of the Joint Stipulation [MDL Doc. No. 1315], it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The terms outlined below shall apply until **June 3, 2020**.
2. Initial disclosures remain stayed (as per PTO No. 44).
3. All types of written discovery, including requests for production of documents, interrogatories, and requests for admissions, may be served.
4. Depositions in all actions are stayed, except: (a) depositions as provided in paragraph 2 of PTO 44; (b) depositions of individuals on a list that the U.S. Department of Justice provided to the parties on August 16, 2019.
5. Notwithstanding the limitations in paragraph 4, the parties may notice depositions and shall meet and confer as necessary to schedule depositions.
6. By **April 30, 2020**, the U.S. Department of Justice shall provide the Court and the parties a list of individuals for whom the Department of Justice anticipates it will continue to seek a stay of depositions beyond June 3, 2020.

7. The parties shall provide a copy of proposed written discovery requests and notices of deposition to the U.S. Department of Justice 10 business days before serving those discovery requests or notices of deposition. If the United States objects to any proposed written discovery request or notice of deposition, the United States will notify the party of the basis for the objection, and if necessary, bring that objection to the Special Master for resolution pursuant to PTO No. 68 (“Special Masters’ Protocol”). The proposed discovery shall be stayed pending resolution.

8. The parties shall not seek and shall not respond to discovery about the criminal investigation that the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice is conducting into the generic pharmaceuticals industry;

9. A person responding to a discovery request (e.g., subpoena, request for production of documents, notice of deposition) (“Responding Person”) shall not disclose what documents or other information has been provided to the Department of Justice in the course of its criminal investigation into the generic pharmaceuticals industry, provided that nothing in this paragraph requires any modification of any document control number or other endorsement on a document, nor prohibits or excuses a Responding Person from providing documents or other information that previously had been provided to the Department of Justice.

10. Nothing in this Order precludes a party or subpoenaed party from objecting to, moving to quash, or seeking a protective order excusing a response to any discovery request, provided the objection is made in good faith.

It is so **ORDERED**.

BY THE COURT

/s/ Cynthia M. Rufe

CYNTHIA M. RUFE, J.